

regulations as are now prescribed by law for the collection of other taxes; and which tax shall and may be continued from year to year, until a sufficient sum is raised to accomplish the object of this act.

II. *Be it further enacted*, That the justices of said courts may, at the first term to be holden after the first day of April next, or as soon after as they may deem it expedient, a majority of the justices being present, to appoint two of the Wardens of the Poor, with the treasurer of public buildings, who shall have full power and authority to purchase a tract of land, not exceeding two hundred acres, and take a good and sufficient title in fee simple to the Wardens of the Poor for the county of Iredell, and their successors in office, for the use of the poor of said county; which tract shall not be further than ten miles from the town of Statesville; and it shall be the duty of the aforesaid commissioners, as soon as a sufficient sum shall be raised for that purpose to erect thereon suitable buildings for the reception of the poor of said county, under which denomination shall be comprehended all such poor persons of either sex as shall be adjudged by the wardens incapable from infancy, old age or infirmity, to procure subsistence for themselves; and the said wardens shall appoint a keeper or overseer of said poor, whose duty it shall be to preserve good order, see that they are humanely treated and provided with suitable diet, clothing and fuel, and to enforce such regulations as may be established from time to time for the well ordering and governing of the said poor; which regulations the wardens are hereby empowered to make; and the overseer shall be allowed for each year, such sums as the wardens may deem adequate for his services, to be paid out of the taxes laid for the support of the poor of said county.

III. *Be it further enacted*, That the keeper or overseer of said poor is hereby required to keep at moderate labour all such of those under his care as he shall judge capable of labour; and at the end of each year shall account to the wardens, on oath, for all such sums as may have arisen from the labour of said poor, and have the same deducted from the amount of their expenses; any usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

IV. *Be it further enacted*, That the Wardens of the Poor shall annually settle their accounts with the committee of Finance of said county, under the rules and regulations prescribed by an act, passed in the year 1822. entitled an act to authorise Iredell county, with certain other counties therein named, to elect committees of Finance; and in their settlements they shall set forth an account current of their receipts and disbursements, including therein an accurate account of proceeds arising from the labor of the poor under their care, the amount of taxes laid for their support, and other incidental expenses; and it shall be the duty of the committee of Finance to file a copy of the settlement in the County Court clerk's office for the use of the court, and set up one copy thereof in some conspicuous part of the court room, under the penalty of ten dollars for each and every neglect.

CHAPTER XLV.

An act to appoint a committee of Finance for the county of Richmond.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That John R. Buie, major Charles Haley and Robert Steele are hereby appointed a committee of Finance for the county of Richmond, whose duty it shall be, a majority of said committee being present, to examine all the papers, records and documents in the offices of the Clerks of the Superior and County Courts and